


REMARKS

Claim 23 is amended to encompass a breastpump mechanism in which at least two expansible chambers are expandable and contractible in tandem. Claim 40 is added to further reflect the mechanism of Claim 23, with a vacuum regulator. The amendments merely reflect the subject matter of the present divisional application and is not intended to overcome any prior art.

Respectfully submitted,



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Marked-up Claim

23. (Amended) A pump mechanism for a breastpump comprising:

a motor drive;

a first and a second expansible chamber, each said expansible chamber having an element which is movable relative to a base member with said element and base member being generally air sealed with respect to each other so as to form a variable volume between them by movement of said element relative to said base member, with an outlet in communication with a respective variable volume; and

a drive train being connected to said motor drive and to said first and second expansible chambers to move each expansible chamber element relative to a respective base member, wherein said element is a flexible diaphragm and said base member is a rigid member to which said diaphragm is mounted and having a respective outlet formed in said rigid member, said diaphragm being movable in relation to said rigid member by the drive train, which includes an eccentric which is rotated by said motor drive, with a puller mounted to move with said eccentric and connected to a yoke, the diaphragms of said first and second expansible chambers being connected to said yoke, so as to expand and contract the volumes of said expansible chambers in tandem as said eccentric is rotated.

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